

**METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR REMOVING HAIR  
USING FOCUSED ACOUSTIC ENERGY**

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

Hair is permanently removed from a patient's skin by transcutaneously focusing high intensity acoustic energy at a hair follicle. Usually, a region of a patient's skin is first ultrasonically imaged to locate individual hair follicles. The imaged hair follicles are then treated using a system which automatically directs the high intensity acoustic energy at the follicles.

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